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# Pride in wing extends to family members

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane  
302nd AW commander

We are beginning another round of mobilization. However, our wing already has 25

people in Baghdad and 25 more who are in Germany following their tour in Iraq. We have transporters on their way to Iraq and of course we have our crews, maintainers and aircraft in the Iraqi theater as well. That does not include the variety of volunteers who are working all over the world.

I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of the men and women of this wing and their performance in this war, and their willingness to meet our nation's needs despite the personal sacrifice involved.

As we send our troops forward, our spouses, parents, friends and kids face some challenges. It may be "old hat" for some but for others this deployment may be pretty scary.

We have conducted several briefings for the spouses to answer their questions, and we have taped one of the presentations so that families with conflicts can still get the benefit of the briefing. For a copy call the 302nd Mission Support Flight at 556-7678. No matter how hard we try there will be questions that we failed to anticipate. As these issues arise, please feel free to contact any

of us at the wing to get help. I would start with your squadron or with family readiness but we are all here to help. No matter whom you decide to call, you can expect to get help.

As I write this we are finalizing the airlift to take our men and women to the Iraqi theater. As you may know, there has been a certain level of fluidity to our transportation plans. I appreciate the patience of all our members and their families who are taking the shifting takeoff times in stride.

Let me close with another thank you. To each of you family members, thanks for supporting your spouse, son, daughter or friend in their support of the nation. As I talk to people who have been to Iraq I become more strongly committed that we are helping a wonderful people regain control of their wonderful country. I understand that the requirements for our men and women are tough, but with strong supporters behind them like you and me, I know they will be successful. Thanks again to the family, friends and employers of our reservists who make their service possible.



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## \$400,000 of SGLI coverage takes effect

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Four hundred thousand dollars of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance automatically went into effect for everyone in the U.S. military Sept. 1.

If people don't want the maximum SGLI coverage, they will have to change it in writing, even if they opted for much less or none in the past. The current maximum coverage is \$250,000.

In addition, a new law now requires the services to tell spouses if servicemembers designate a primary beneficiary other than their current lawful spouse, or they turn

down coverage or reduce it after Sept. 1.

To change insurance amounts or who gets it, Airmen need to visit their units commander's support staff or military personnel flight. If deployed, their personnel for contingency operation team can help.

SGLI coverage still runs 6.5 cents per month for \$1,000 of insurance, but the increments of coverage change from \$10,000 to \$50,000. If people take no action, the monthly maximum premium automatically goes from \$16.25 to \$26. Airmen can avoid the increase if they turn in a form before Sept. 30. (AFRC News Service from American Forces Press Service)

## On the cover



### Celebrity status

Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, aerospace maintenance technician, conducts an interview with News First 5/30 reporter Matt Kleve and cameraman Joe Bevans. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

## UTA Schedule

**Next UTA: Sept. 10-11**

**Oct. 1-2**  
**Nov. 5-6**  
**Dec. 3-4**

The next UTA schedule is printed in more detail on page 9. The **Front Range Flyer** is mailed each month to all 302nd Airlift Wing members on file with Personnel Systems. If you are not receiving your magazine, check with your orderly room or administration section to ensure your address is correct.



# Daring more boldly

**By Chaplain (Capt.)  
Tim Wilson**  
302nd AW Chaplain

Some people are born to dare; they seem destined for adventure. Born in 1540 into a poor farmer's family, Sir Francis Drake was one of 12 children. He was to make his mark on the world aboard a wooden sailing ship.

Saltwater seemed to run in Sir Francis' veins; the beckon of the sea was overwhelming. At age 18, he stole away to the sea. By 24, he was captain of his ship. When Sir Francis's life was done, he had been the first Englishman to sail in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. In fact, he circumnavigated the entire globe. As a privateer, he led many daring sea raids; as vice admiral of the fleet, he was di-

rectly instrumental in defeating the Spanish Armada.

What was the secret of his success? His motivation is revealed in a prayer he penned and endeavored to live by. It is a yearning for more than mediocrity, a desire to do more than just get by, a personal cry to be more than equal to the challenges of life.

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.*

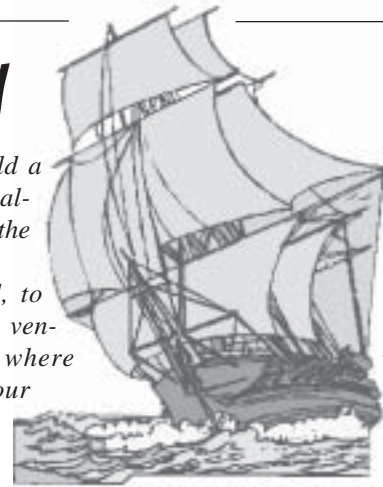
*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters-of-life; having fallen in love with life we have ceased to dream of eternity; and*

*in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.*

*We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future with strength, courage, hope and love.*

What made the difference in Sir Francis Drake's life? He knew that ships were not meant for harbors. Vessels in the harbor are safe, but they aren't constructed to stay in the harbor. Ships are engineered for rolling waves and deep open waters. And so, we too must venture be-



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and sailing to where the large waves roll. We must be willing to venture out into vast unknown seas to pursue the dreams that God has given us. Remember, "... the mighty oceans roar like thunder; the mighty oceans roar as they pound the shore. But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore – the Lord above is mightier than these!" Psalms 93:3-4.

## Leadership – Lesson 1: Humility is key element

**By Staff Sgt. Leandria Rodriguez**  
302nd AW Education & Training

Progression in the Air Force prepares us for a great many things, but the moment of truth comes along when your progression leads to the responsibility of caring for those around you.

Some carry this responsibility lightly, doing only what they feel their tasking dictates; others assume it as an honor – those folks have the leadership "character."

Chief Master Sgt. Eric Deylius was a leader in the aerial support world for many years before unfortunate circumstances led him to seek refuge among the 302nd Mission Support Flight community. He had been medically disqualified for flying but wanted to continue his service as a member of the 302nd Airlift Wing and took a position in the vacant retention manager slot.

In the chief's opening remarks to the



Chief Master Sgt. Eric Deylius had to give up his position as a flight engineer with the 731st Airlift Squadron, but he now lends his leadership and experience to the 302nd Airlift Wing as retention manager. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Clancy Preston)

members of the flight he stated, "I know many of you know that I am unqualified for this job, but I needed a position and I took it when offered ... I promise to learn quickly and make you all proud."

In these opening remarks and my first encounter with this man, a valuable lesson in leadership was reinforced – humility is a key element in being a great leader.

Chief Deylius has maintained his promise and in my opinion exceeded his goal and almost everyone's expectations within the MPF. I'm not surprised; he has shown me over the past weeks that he epitomizes those qualities which define leadership.

When asked to help, Chief Deylius goes above and beyond the call. When in doubt, he seeks advice, from his peers and even from his juniors. His pride is transparent but not boastful. His dedication is unwavering.

I consider myself fortunate in getting to make the acquaintance of a true Air Force leader.



## Sizing it all up

Staff Sgt. Mark D. Flutcher, 731st Airlift Squadron, aircraft loadmaster craftsman, computes aircraft weight and balance prior to deploying. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)

# 302nd Airlift Wing takes a turn

More than 150 Reservists and six C-130H3s from the 302nd Airlift Wing have been mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The activation will include multiple phases and hundreds of personnel over the coming months.

The first phase departed Peterson Air Force Base on Aug. 28 aboard the C-130s and a C-17. Deploying 302nd AW members joined reservists from the 913th AW, Willow Grove Air Reserve Base, Pa., and the 914th AW, Niagara Air Reserve Station, N.Y., before departing for their OIF destination.

This is the largest mobilization of 302nd AW members since De-

cember 2001, when the unit's reservists were called to active duty in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

## Teamwork

Top photo, Airman Jay T. Nelson (left), 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron, air transportation specialist, and Staff Sgt. Kevin Bryant, 21st LRS, air transportation craftsman, review information while performing a pallet inspection for the deployment. Several units within the 21st Space Wing teamed with the 302nd Airlift Wing during mobilization and deployment.

Bottom photo, Staff Sgt. Isaiah Lechowit (left), 302nd Maintenance Squadron, aerospace maintenance technician, and Senior Airman Victor Bejarano, 302nd MXS, aerospace maintenance journeyman, install an emergency exit cover on a C-130 prior to the deployment. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)





## 901st TAG/302nd AW Reunion



Former aircraft maintainer Roy Bergsholm (top) samples the roasted corn at the 901st Tactical Airlift Group and 302nd Airlift Wing reunion barbecue. The reunion was held Aug. 5-7. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative). Current and former members of the 901st TAG and 302nd AW enjoyed a hearty meal which also included brisket, chicken and baked beans. Former 731st Airlift Squadron director of operations Lt. Col. (ret.) Dick Patillo and Heidi Carey peruse historical photos at the reunion; Mrs. Carey's husband, Master Sgt. Dave, a C-130 flight engineer, is a long-time member of the 731st. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)





### Class time

Members of the 302nd Airlift Wing attend a mathematics class Aug. 5. Beginning with the October unit training assembly Colorado State University will offer English Composition I. Classes will be held during UTA weekends, Fridays, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Classes start Sept. 30 and run through Jan. 7. The classes will be held in Bldg. 895, Room 203. For more information, contact the 302nd AW Education and Training office at 556-7573 or 7250. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Clancy Preston)

## Services airman turning TDY into coin-collecting expedition

**By Tech. Sgt. Kim Sievertsen**  
302nd Services Flight

How many times can one troop be coined while on temporary duty assignment? Senior Airman Elisha Olivas, 302nd Services Flight, services helper, was coined three times in the first 21 days while on a 120-day deployment for an Air Expeditionary Force rotation in Al Dhafra.

Airman Olivas, a single mother of two, grew up in Long Beach, Calif., and currently lives and works in Denver as a phlebotomist, emergency medical technician specialist and professional boxer. Her civilian employer, fellow colleagues, family and friends are extremely proud and supportive of her accomplishments.

According to Master Sgt. Terry Brassard, 302nd SVF, services specialist, "She is a tremendous asset to the Air Force Reserve, 302nd Airlift Wing and the services flight."

While deployed, Airman Olivas implemented the fitness center's first appearance plan. She scoured floors, walls and equipment, increasing the center's patronage. She also works in the "Cardio Tent" as a diet counselor, instructs a cardio kickboxing class eight times a week and leads an abs workout routine three times a day. She is also accountable for the "100 Miles Club" as well. She is responsible for keeping track of the miles people walk, run, or cycle. Because of her contributions, base participation increased 80 percent.

Airman Olivas says her goal is to learn everything she can. She has volunteered for everything: The base drill team, USO show, wing barbecues, search and recovery team, and base honor guard. In addition, Airman Olivas has been single-handedly nominated by U.S. Central Command Air Forces Forward to be featured in *Redbook* magazine's "Mothers and Shakers" special section, to honor deployed mothers who go above and beyond.

What keeps someone like her going?

"My mom and my babies and I are very close," she said. "We are kind of co-dependent. Teaching the classes out here and my work ethic keeps me motivated and going. I know I'll be home soon and this has been good for all of us."

Airman Olivas's discipline and leadership is admired by most, and all can identify her by her unique and contagious laugh.

Staff Sgt. Donald Hinson Jr. 302nd SVF, services craftsman, is deployed with her. He sums it up by stating, "She truly shines in this sandbox."

With a drive like hers, it is likely that this energetic airman will not stop at only three coins.

*Note - Tech. Sgt. Kim Sievertsen is the unit public affairs representative for the 302nd Services Flight. If you would like to learn more about the 302nd Airlift Wing UPAR program, contact the Public Affairs office at 556-4117.*



**Senior Airman Elisha Olivas**



# ESGR impact vital to reservists' civilian career stability

**By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins**  
*Front Range Flyer*

*Editor's note - This is the first in a series about the impact the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve can have on a reservist's career.*

For several years now, Reserve and National Guard forces have been assigned increasingly important roles as primary sources for augmentation of the active duty services.

According to the Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, between Sept. 11, 2001 and Feb. 16, 2005, a total of 477,709 reservists and guardsmen were involuntarily called to active duty under federal orders for Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Of these, 179,445 were serving on active duty as of Feb. 16.

The 302nd Airlift Wing has heeded the call time and time again with unit members participating in all three operations, humanitarian relief efforts, and domestic emergencies such as fire-fighting and airport security. Not only did these reservists willingly assume this increased burden, they did so in the face of active-duty force reductions. In preparation

for the current activation and deployment, these reservists continue to perform a balancing act on a tight-rope, striving to maintain their families, military commitments, and civilian careers.



Fred Fletemeyer, chairman, Colorado Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, greets Master Sgt. Erin Huffaker, 39th Aerial Port Squadron aerial delivery crew chief, and his wife, Lori, prior to the sergeant's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in January. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Reservists know where to go when they need assistance with family matters or guidance on their military careers, but what happens when the call to duty conflicts with their "day job?" Who do they call? The Em-

ployer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"The ESGR is an arm of the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs," said Fred Fletemeyer, owner and chief executive officer of Fletemeyer Construction and chairman of the Colorado Committee of the ESGR.

According to the ESGR fact sheet, ESGR provides a staff of professionals to implement the essence of employer support by implementation of appropriate programs and logical state commitment support. These programs are directed toward U.S. employers, employees, and communities to ensure understanding of the role of reserve component members. Identifying the need for the program to expand, the NCESGR established a nationwide network of local employer support volunteers, organized within each state, commonwealth territory, and the District of Columbia.

In this way, the National Committee for ESGR could bring the message to all employers across the country. ESGR encourages development of employer policies and practices to facilitate employee participation in the Reserve components through a network of 4,500 volunteers in 54 local ESGR committees.

## ESGR, Fred Fletemeyer – pluses for wing members, families

**By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane**  
*302nd AW commander*

Any reservist or guardsman who has had trouble with an employer because of their military service knows Fred Fletemeyer, or knows his Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve volunteers. These volunteers interface with the employers who may not fully understand the law as it relates to participation in the Reserve or Guard.

In the end, either Mr. Fletemeyer's team is successful, and a mutually satisfactory outcome is achieved, or the issue is turned over to the Department of Labor for litigation.

In my opinion, these volunteers provide

an incredible service to our nation. Each employee/employer problem they solve represents a skilled reservist they save to continue to defend this nation.

As we enter our latest mobilization, there will be challenges for reservists and their civilian supervisors. It is my hope that each of those problems can be solved at the lowest possible level.

I encourage you to keep in contact with your civilian employer, and let the wing and Mr. Fletemeyer's staff know if there is a problem. Clearly, it is easier to fix while it is still small.

I would close this with a huge thank you to every one of our ESGR volunteers for their selfless service.

Let me also thank every employer who

bends over backwards to make the reservist's deployment less traumatic and who makes the return to the work place as painless as possible.

Finally, let me single out Mr. Fletemeyer. He has been a friend to the 302nd Airlift Wing in more ways than can be counted. He is always willing to help to the point that we sometimes abuse his generosity. He is an incredible patriot who fights hard for any reservist who needs help, but he is especially effective as the ESGR chairman in Colorado because he is a business owner who has reservists in his employ.

So, if you see Mr. Fletemeyer, or any of his team, please thank them for their contribution to the 302nd AW and their dedication to the ESGR program.



Look ...



Leap ...



Land ...



And then there's that tricky bound at the end. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

## Wing families enjoy annual get-together

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton  
*Front Range Flyer*

During every August unit training assembly, wing members and their families take a well-deserved break from the rigors of serving their country. This year was no exception during 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day festivities held Aug. 6.

There were a variety of games, including a pie-toss competition hosted by the 731st Airlift Squadron and the annual fishpond and cake walk conducted by the 39th Aerial Port Squadron. The 302nd Security Forces

Squadron provided a weapons display and the Colorado Springs Police Department SWAT team had an information booth set up in the security tent.

Other booths on display included the American Red Cross, Safety, Air Force recruiters and local colleges. Colleges present to discuss educational opportunities available to military members and their families included Troy University, North American University, University of Phoenix, Regis University, Colorado State University-Pueblo and Colorado Christian University.

"This is a great way to bring our families out and involve them with everything we do," said Tech. Sgt. Jacques Schnierle, 302nd AW Safety office. "My kids enjoy it and look forward to this every year."

Others enjoying the day's events included a capacity crowd of wing members, spouses and children.

"I'm not surprised we had a good turnout," said Tech. Sgt. Pamela Gabarron, 302 AW family support technician. "Everything fell into place because of Tech. Sgt. Henrietta Gilreath."

Sergeant Gilreath, NCO in charge of family support, preferred not to take credit and passed it on to numerous wing volunteers who worked to make Family Day a success.

"The chiefs and first sergeants were instrumental in pulling everything together," said the sergeant. "Tech. Sgt. Carol Frost and Tech Sgt. James Kohler were among some other really good people who helped out."

Other volunteers included Master Sgt. James Malone, 302nd Services Flight, who provided a Karaoke machine for aspiring young American idols during times when Wild Blue Country, the Air Force Academy country band, took breaks from their performances during Family Day.



Andrew White checks out night vision goggles with assistance from his father, Master Sgt. Tracey White, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, and cousin, Morgan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)



Lt. Col. Ron Wilt, 302nd Operations Group deputy commander, was a victim to the pie-toss. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie)



302nd Airlift Wing family members Lattimer (left) and Paul Law unhook a pie from the 39th Aerial Port Squadron fishing pond. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie)





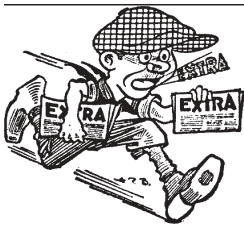
Jonathan Foss fought valiantly, but in the end lost his tug-o-war with Hoover, faithful friend of Master Sgt. David Medina, 302nd Mission Support Group information management. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)



Christian Saucier takes on a camouflaged look as Master Sgt. Jerome Hinojos, 302nd Security Forces Squadron, face paints. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)



Lauryn Ritchie makes friends with Ben, the newest member of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie)



### New e-mail accounts will help with pay

The 302nd Airlift Wing Financial Management office has created two new e-mail accounts to assist members during activation and while deployed.

They are the 302nd FM/Reserve Pay account at 302FM.ReservePay@302.peterson.af.mil and the 302nd FM/Travel Pay account at 302FM.TravelPay@302.peterson.af.mil.

If you have any questions about these accounts, contact Master Sgt. Paul Burnett, NCOIC of Reserve Financial Management, at 556-5551.

### In need of some computer assistance?

In an attempt to provide responsive support, the 302nd

Communications Flight asks that everyone requiring support e-mail its support mailbox at 302aw.helpdesk@302.peterson.af.mil or call 556-8295.

### Tuition assistance program has some funds

The tuition assistance program has limited funds available for fiscal year 2005.

Tuition assistance may still be requested for fiscal year 2006. However, the 302nd Airlift Wing Education and Training office will not be able to submit the forms to Air Force Reserve Command until told to do so by the command.

### WingGate Travel now handles military travel

The official military travel office is now WingGate Travel. The base location and phone number are the same. The emergency number is now 866-811-9449.

What's new is that you will receive an e-mail from Worldspan Trip Locator at www.mytrip

andmore.com confirming reservations and itinerary.

### Sexual assault reports can be confidential

Military people who are victims of sexual assault now have the option of making a confidential report and receiving medical assistance without initiating a military investigation.

A new Department of Defense policy establishes sexual assault response coordinators at all military installations, including Air Force Reserve Command bases. SARC's help people who want to report sexual assault, without involving law enforcement, and who may need assistance in accessing military and community support.

Maj. Denise Thompson, chief of behavioral health at AFRC headquarters, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., said interim SARC's are trained and in place at all command bases. The command is in the process of hiring permanent coordinators.

### Computer users can e-mail for portal help

There have been several users who have tried to reset their Air Force Portal password and the password they're being sent via e-mail sometimes doesn't work. For assistance, contact the AF Portal Helpdesk.

You can e-mail the Field Assistance Branch at AFPortal.Helpdesk@Gunter.af.mil or by calling DSN 596-5771, option 7, or commercial (334) 416-5771, option 7.

### Civilian employment info deadline nears

Oct. 31 is the deadline for Air Force reservists to register information about their civilian place of employment.

Command officials urge members to comply with the Department of Defense directive as soon as possible by going online to <http://www.afrc.af.mil/reserveInfo.htm> and clicking on Civilian Employment Info Program.

## Sharp Troop of the Month

**Name:** Richard W. Normandie

**Rank:** Staff Sgt.

**Section:** Military Equal Opportunity Office

**Job:** Military Equal Opportunity advisor

**Date assigned:** December 2004

**Hometown:** San Diego, Calif.

**Hobbies:** Reading, playing and watching sports because I'm a huge baseball fan (SD Padres), writing.

**Favorite thing about your job:** "I get to interact with people and help them achieve everything that's possible to them. I really like this unit a lot; it's one of the most professional units I've ever been associated with, and I've been in the Guard, Reserve and active duty. I like the fact that I'm able to help educate others and resolve issues. I also enjoy meeting the newcomers and letting them know how we can help them and educate them about our policies and help them realize their potential as a member of this wing."

*Supervisors - Nominate a Sharp Troop. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.*



## Newcomers

### 302nd Airlift Wing

Senior Airman Vuongvu Le

### 302nd Operations Group

Staff Sgt. Jane T. Perino

### 302nd Aeromedical

### Staging Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jessica E. Andrews

### 302nd Logistics

### Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Howard H. Hunter

### 302nd Maintenance

### Squadron

Senior Airman Abdulganeu Abdulai

Staff Sgt. David J. Banner

Staff Sgt. Robert W. Dale

Senior Airman Matthew A. Poor

Senior Airman Jason D. Roeske

Tech. Sgt. Sean K. Watson

### 302nd Aircraft

### Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. William R. McDonald

Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Stephens

### 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

1st Lt. Fredrick M. Brooks

Staff Sgt. James D. Santos

### 39th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1st Class Diandra R. Hunter

Staff Sgt. Dean L. Newcomb

Senior Airman Scott A. Raymond

Airman 1st Class Davie J. Whipple

### 731st Airlift Squadron

1st Lt. Kristina Guerrero

Senior Airman Angel A. Ramirez

2nd Lt. Kristina Miller

### 310th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Harris

Senior Airman Lawanda M. Jones

Senior Airman Alton K. Pope

### 7th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Juan Gutierrez

Airman Basic Michael L. Mosely Jr.

Senior Airman James Speller

### 8th Space Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kelvin T. Carter

## August Retirees

Chief Master Sgt. Richard C. McDonald, 310th SFS

Senior Master Sgt. Michael J. Kelly, 302 OSF



# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

## Sept. 9-10

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0745 – 1630	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Meeting	Bldg. 895, Room 203	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning Council	Bldg. 895, Room 203	CCX/6-0142
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1300	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
	1200 – 1630	Customer Service Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895, Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1300 – 1530	Self Aid/Buddy Care Refresher	Bldg. 350, Room 2127	ASTS/6-1132
	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
S U N D A Y	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 0830	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
	0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0800 – 1000	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	SC/6-3299
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeants Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1000 – 1100	Family Support Unit Representative Mtg.	Bldg. 895, Training Room	DPMFR/6-6505
	1000 – 1100	Records Management Training	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	SC/6-3299
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	731st AS/6-7371
	1400 – 1500	Privacy Act/FOA Refresher Training	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	SC/6-3299
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but you made lodging reservations?**  
Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule?** Call (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.

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## Senate confirms Moseley as next CSAF

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The Senate has confirmed Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the next chief of staff of the Air Force. He is the current Air Force vice chief of staff.

General Moseley met with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee June 29 during his confirmation hearing. Following the approval of the committee, his nomination was forwarded to the full Senate which approved the nomination just before adjourning for the Fourth of July holiday.

During the hearing he said his priorities would be to further refine and improve joint warfighting skills, continue to strengthen the Air

Force's greatest asset — its people — and to recapitalize the aging aircraft fleet to meet future warfighting needs.

He is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F-15 Eagle. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in political science.

Besides holding numerous operational assignments, he commanded U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as Combined Forces Air Component commander for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



**General T. Michael Moseley**

# Future Total Force outlined on Capitol Hill

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – There will be no “gap” between the end of assigned missions for Air National Guard units and the beginning of their replacement missions.

In testimony before the House Armed Services Committee on July 20, the director of Air Force plans and programs told legislators the service is working hard to find replacement missions for Air National Guard units that may lose their flying mission as a result of the current Base Realignment and Closure recommendations. “We have a tough job ahead of us, establishing new missions for these areas,” said Lt. Gen. Stephen G. Wood. “(But) we are committed not to gap between areas. If we have a unit that is going to lose its aircraft and transition to a new mission, we want to bring those aircraft down at the same rate we train for the new mission.” Some legislators said they feared that without the draw of an aircraft for local communities to rally around and for potential Air-

men to be interested in, it would be difficult to retain existing guardsmen and to recruit new ones. But General Wood said the Air Force is more than just airplanes, and said he hoped existing Guardsmen would be willing to participate in new, critical missions.

“The Air Force is more than flying aircraft,”

he said. “We are a space force. We are a cyber force. There are new, engaging missions out there that we need to prepare for the future. It is our hope that these outstanding Airmen transition to these new jobs.”

In recommendations to BRAC commissioners, Air Force officials have asked

to close some Guard and active-duty bases. Other selected bases are recommended for realignment – existing missions may be lost altogether or moved to other bases. In some locations, new missions would be brought in to replace missions lost.

The Air Force plan to realign missions and organizations is outlined in the service’s Future Total Force concept. The concept’s

aim is to strengthen the Air Force by creating synergies between active duty and reserve component units.

“(This) involves change, and we all know change isn’t easy,” General Wood said. “The Air Force is facing incredible challenges today, and the path we take now will shape our collective shared future.”

The general said the Future Total Force plan includes two key aspects. First is a change to the force structure. This involves a plan to divest the service of older aircraft and replace them with newer aircraft. One such newer aircraft is the F/A-22 Raptor.

The second part of the FTF plan involves changing the organizational structure of the total Air Force. The “total force” includes active duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units. These changes will involve the pairing of active duty units with reserve component units to help maximize the benefits that each brings to the fight.

While General Wood said the total force has already been working together for most of the Air Force’s history, he expects FTF to yield even greater results.

“Under our plan we will take this integration to the next level by expanding both the scope and the number of associate units using the lessons learned over the past 40 years,” he said. “We will see the experience of our young active duty airmen ... grow significantly under the mentoring of skilled Air National Guard maintenance experts.”



Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, answers questions about the Air Force’s future total force initiative during a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

## Air Force Reserve places emphasis on retaining quality people

*Editor’s note - The following commentary is from testimony by Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services.*

WASHINGTON – Retaining quality service people is a top priority for the Air Force Reserve, and officer and enlisted retention has remained strong.

So far this fiscal year, officer retention is 92.3 percent and overall enlisted retention is 88.4

percent. The rates are in line with averages over the last five years.

As the Air Force Reserve continues to surge to meet operational requirements necessary for the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism, we continue to examine existing laws and policies that govern enlisted incentives and related compensation issues.

The reserve enlisted bonus program is a major contributor to attract and retain unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees in those critical unit

type code-tasked career fields. To enhance retention, we are working within existing statutes and allocated resources to ensure reservists receive relevant and equitable compensation considering the growing reliance on the reserve components to accomplish active-duty missions. In addition, Aviation Continuation Pay, Career Enlisted Flyers Incentive Pay and Aircrew Incentive Pay continue to be offered to retain rated officers and enlisted people.

The Air Force Reserve has

made many strides in increasing education benefits for our members. We offer 100 percent tuition assistance to people pursuing an undergraduate degree and 75 percent for graduate degrees. Through DANTES Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, we also employ CLEP College Level Examination Program testing service for all reservists and their spouses. We will continue to seek innovative ways to enhance retention. (AFRC News Service)



# AFRC exceeds recruiting goal for 5th consecutive year

**By Senior Master Sgt. Elaine Mayo**

*Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service*

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – For the fifth consecutive year, Air Force Reserve Command has exceeded its recruiting goal. This year is the earliest the command has achieved its annual requirement. The recruit-

ing year ends Sept. 30.

AFRC Recruiting Service met its 2005 recruiting year goal Aug. 11 when it accessed its 8,800th recruit, and the numbers continue to climb.

As of Aug. 22, recruiters reported a record 9,048 accessions, moving the command closer to meeting its congressionally mandated end strength of 76,100 by the end of September.

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“It’s a tough recruiting environment for all the military,” said Col. Francis M. Mungavin, AFRC Recruiting Service commander. “We’ve been able to overcome the challenges and meet the requirements. I’m very happy we were able to make goal and will continue to work toward 100 percent end strength.”

In a congratulatory memo, Lt.

Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander, wrote, “You continue to amaze me with your accomplishments as the Best Recruiting Force in the Department of Defense – the first force (active and reserve) to achieve annual goal and one of only two reserve recruiting components on target to make goal by year’s end.” (AFRC News Service)



## Graduation time

Fourteen members of the 302nd Airlift Wing and 310th Space Group graduated from the NCO Leadership Development Program Aug. 12. Left to right, Senior Airman Isadore Montle, 19th Space Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Gabriel Valle, 9th SOPS; Tech. Sgt. Helena Dunlap,

302nd Services Flight; Tech. Sgt. Jorge Talamantes, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Staff Sgt. Mark Davis, 19th SOPS; Staff Sgt. Lesbia Rodriguez, 302nd Mission Support Flight; Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Prieto, 302nd LRS; Senior Airman Joshua Colby, 302nd LRS; Staff Sgt. Patrick Hampton, 19th SOPS; Senior Air-

man David Briggs, 302nd LRS; Senior Airman Ricardo Junious, 302nd LRS; Staff Sgt. Daniel Amaya, 9th SOPS; Senior Airman Amanda McGee, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Staff Sgt. William Organ, 302nd LRS. Class dates for fiscal year 2006 are now set. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)

## National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 16



On Aug. 10, 1990, the 101st Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355, which recognized the League’s POW/MIA flag.

## Fiscal year 2006 NCOLDP class dates set

Organizers of the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program have announced class dates for fiscal year 2006. The first class will be held Oct. 26 through Nov. 4 and the second class will run July 26 through Aug. 4, 2006.

The two-week class can be used as a possible tie-breaker for Performance Enhanced Promotion and NCO/Airman of the quarter board selections. It offers individuals an opportunity to prepare for Principles of Supervision and Introduction to Management CLEP tests.

The course teaches management skills which can be used in reserve and civilian careers, offers an opportunity to gain experience in group dynamics and is a way to recommend changes in the 302nd Airlift Wing to the wing com-

mander. It can also be used on civilian resumes.

Graduates of NCOLDP receive two semester hours of college credit in management from Central Texas College.

To be eligible you must be in the rank of senior airman to master sergeant and attend on annual tour or school orders. Air reserve technicians, if authorized, may attend in civilian status, but must wear their uniform.

Your supervisor or commander can nominate you for NCOLDP by e-mailing [louise.rasmussen@302.peterson.af.mil](mailto:louise.rasmussen@302.peterson.af.mil) with your nomination. You can also send a memo to 302 MSS/DPMT, the 302nd AW Education and Training office.

For more information, contact the education and training office at 556-7573.

# 302nd AW needs to reduce dental exam shortcomings

**By Lt. Col. Robert H. Heun**  
302nd AW chief of Dental Services

In April 2004, Air Force Reserve Command mandated that an Annual Dental Exam will be accomplished.

Although this shouldn't be new information for anyone, there are 302nd Airlift Wing members who have not completed their ADE and may be classified Dental Readiness Class 4.

Completing the dental exam requirement can be done by seeing your personal dentist when you are due for a short physical and either hand carrying the completed Department of Defense Form 2813 to the clinic or faxing it to 556-1129. The dental clinic will not be issuing DD Form 2813 to members who come in during unit training assemblies, but will collect completed forms. The DD Form 2813 is available on the Reserve Component Preventive Health As-

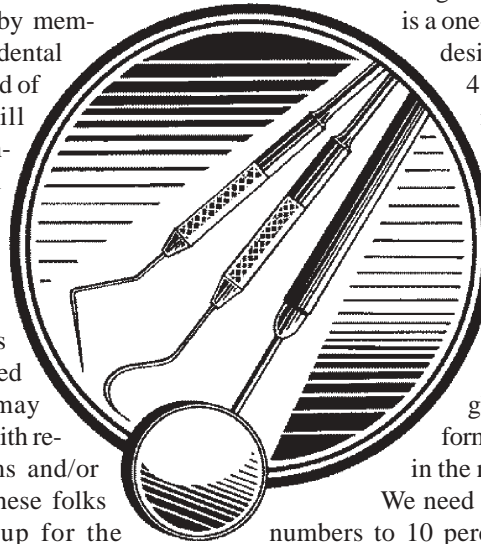
essment web site.

Every third year, members must see a military dentist when they are due for a long physical. Failure by members to complete their dental requirements by the end of their birth month will place them into an incomplete Medical RCPHA and soon will thrust them into a no pay, no points situation.

AFRC recognizes that some junior enlisted and junior officers may have financial issues with regards to dental exams and/or treatment. To help these folks out, they may sign up for the Tricare Reserve Dental Plan by visiting the United Concordia Plan at

www.ucci.com. Monthly rates are in the \$7-\$8 range. In lieu of this, the dental clinic is working with FEDS HEAL which is a one-time funded program designed to reduce DRC 4 numbers by providing exams only. I will soon be providing you a list of your squadron members who may be eligible for this service. Please review and let me know who is available for duty, ghosts, etc. More information will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

We need to reduce our DRC 4 numbers to 10 percent as soon as possible. Your cooperation in this matter will be much appreciated.



## Air Reserve Personnel Center 'supports' one-stop service around the world

**By Mike Molina and Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims**  
Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

DENVER – The Air Reserve Personnel Center here is more than 7,000 miles from Baghdad but for an individual mobilization augmentee serving in Iraq, the center's personnel services are only seconds away.

Earlier this year ARPC officials released the Virtual Personnel Center for the Guard and Reserve, a Web-based personnel service portal for Air Force reservists and Air National Guardsmen. The new service at the center, an Air Force Reserve Command direct reporting unit, is already getting some valuable use.

"Being able to have your records updated with a simple click of a button was impressive," said Master Sgt. Scott Davis, an IMA attached to the 7th Security Forces Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. "I was honestly expecting the records update to take weeks, but my records were updated within a matter of hours."

The Web portal at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> has been online since April but was given a new look and re-released July 15.

That same day in Baghdad Sergeant Davis accessed the vPC-GR to request an update

to his decorations. Within hours, the changes were made to the sergeant's records and his questions were answered.

"This system saved me valuable time trying to match my schedule here with the time change back at ARPC," he said. "It was important for me to have my records correct – just in case."

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Bye, NCO in charge of Contact Center Branch 3, said her branch tries to handle customer requests the same day they are received. She is responsible for managing and distributing Web requests to other contact center technicians and said she answered a lot of questions in less than 10 minutes.

"The new support site is still in its infancy, and yet the benefits to our members are already being felt worldwide," said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander.

Three days after the release of the redesigned site, Hugo Padilla, chief of ARPC's personnel service systems support, helped an officer in Southwest Asia deployed from her home attachment at Scott AFB, Ill.

He helped Maj. Sharon Ross reset her password so she could access her personnel services account online.

"She was working in Southwest Asia, sitting there working real-time battlefield

medical evacuations from the AOR," said Mr. Padilla. "She thanked me. I said, 'No way, thank you.'"

Major Ross said she likes the "key words" area on the "frequently asked questions" page.

"It makes it easier to hone in (on) pertinent topic questions" the major said. "I also like the site map – it's much quicker to find needed topic(s)."

When Major Ross suggested a link to MyPay, it was added to the site map two days later.

"This is another shining example of the innovation and commitment to excellence our people here demonstrate by providing second-to-none customer service," Colonel Shippy said.

Today at work, home or on the battlefield, regardless of the time of day or night, ARPC is only a mouse click or phone call away. It has a staff willing to help, to get the job done.

"It's personnel services 24/7, no matter where you are," said Dave Aldrich, director of personnel services. "If you can get on the Web, it's available."

"It is nice to be overseas and be able to keep up with my IMA side of the business," said Major Ross. "One-stop shopping – it's the wave of the future." (AFRC News Service)



# 302nd AW Family Day Golf Tournament

(Results, 4-man Scramble)

**1st** - Michael Sinchak, Mark Petrosky, Todd Richmond, Todd Baird (28)

**2nd** - Mark Lowderman, Chuck Campbell, Angus Duff, Jackie Duff (32)

**3rd** - Michael Howard, Leroy Sutton, Mark Clark, Robert Watkins (38\*)

**4th** - Milo Scott, Robert Boyum, Joe Kenda, Kathy Kenda (38)

**5th** - Arthur Rhyne, Ray McCann, Francis Brewster, Joe Secrest (42)

\* Won on tie-breaker

**Longest Drive:** Leroy Sutton

**Putting Contest:** Mark Lowderman



## 2005 Peterson AFB Sports Day

### Results

#### Cribbage

##### Large units

1st place - 302nd Airlift Wing #1



C-130 pilot Ted Treffeisen kept close to the ground to place second in the small unit division of the 5K run at the 2005 Peterson Air Force Base Sports and Field Day held Aug. 11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

(Carol Frost, Gary Adams)

2nd place - 302nd Airlift Wing

#2 (Ken Ross, Bill Kellums)

3rd place - 302nd Airlift Wing

#3 (Sharon Adams, Mary Griffith)

4th place - 302nd Airlift Wing #4

(Bruce Wilkes, Dennis Martin)

#### Bowling

##### Large units

###### 7 a.m. tournament

3rd place - 302nd Maintenance

Squadron (David Brand, Marty

Furenstenwerth, George Feely,

Howard Ertle), 1,203

##### Small units

###### 7 a.m. tournament

2nd place - 731st Airlift Squad-

ron (David Gilson, James Riley,

Jason Harvey, Kevin Kolln),

1,118

###### 11 a.m. tournament

2nd place - 302nd Airlift Wing

#2 (Jake Cline, Paul Burnett,

Rob Engevold, Rob Migliore),

1,293

#### Golf

##### Medium units

4th place - 302nd Maintenance

Group (Jeff Hartsock, Shawn

Acalla, Brian Gibson, Leo Minix)

#### Tug-of-War

##### Large units

3rd place - 302nd Maintenance

Squadron (Mike Moffett, Mike

Sekerak, Mike Fekete, Mike

Graeff, Heldwin Brito, Sandra

Brito, Bob Parrott, Larry Hanks)

##### 5K Run

###### Small units

2nd place - Ted Treffeisen,

731st Airlift Squadron, 22:00

3rd place - Brian Thomas,

731st Airlift Squadron, 22:14

4th place - Alan Flolo, 731st Air-

lift Squadron, 22:20

Following a 19-foot birdie putt on the opening hole, Todd Baird prepares to launch a long drive off the second tee. Baird's play helped the avionics foursome win the 302nd Airlift Wing Family Day Golf Tournament by four strokes Aug. 6. Avionics won the tournament with an 8-under-par score of 28 in the 9-hole event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

## On the back cover

### *A little horse play is good for morale*

Just ask Jon Jimenez, who was among several 302nd Airlift Wing members who participated in one of many events which took place during Peterson Air Force Base Sports & Field Day held Aug. 11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)



*A little 'horse' play  
is good for morale*

